



## H.RES. 1054 – Honoring the service and achievements of women in the Armed Forces and female veterans

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Res. 1054 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Susan Davis (D-CA) on March, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs where the Committee agreed to seek consideration under suspension of the rules.

H.Res. 1054 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 20, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.Res. 1054 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors and recognizes the service and achievements of current and former female members of the Armed Forces;
- Encourages all people in the United States to recognize the service and achievements of women in the military and female veterans on Memorial Day;
- Encourages all people in the United States to learn about the history of service and achievements of women in the military; and
- Supports groups that raise awareness about the service and achievements of women in the military and female veterans through exhibitions, museums, statues, and other programs and activities

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### BACKGROUND

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34,000 women served in World War I, 400,000 served in World War II, 120,000 served in the Korean War, over 7,000 served in the Vietnam War, and more than 41,000 served in the first Gulf War. Currently 185,000 women have been deployed in the War on Terror since 2001.

Army Spc. Monica Lin Brown of Lexington KY was recently awarded the Silver Star, which is the third highest award the military can bestow upon a soldier. She is the second woman since World War II to receive the honor and the first in Afghanistan. The other woman to be given the honor was, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, of Nashville, TN in 2005.

The military said Brown's "bravery, unselfish actions and medical aid rendered under fire saved the lives of her comrades and represents the finest traditions of heroism in combat."

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